

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Angerer.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2005 meeting.

Representative Adamini supported the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4405 and HB 4434 before the committee.

HB 4405 Whitmer	Health; pharmaceuticals; prohibition against mail-order pharmacies; eliminate.
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HB 4434 Hummel	Health; pharmaceuticals; prohibition against mail order pharmaceuticals and centralized prescription processing; eliminate prohibition and provide for.
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Representative Scott Hummel, sponsor of HB 4434, testified in support of the bill.

Representative Gretchen Whitmer, sponsor of HB 4405, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Greg Baran of the Michigan Pharmacists Association testified in support of HB 4434. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The Chair laid HB 4403 before the committee.

HB 4403 Walker	Occupations; physicians; delegation of certain acts, tasks, or functions to a certified surgical technologist or certified surgical first assistant; allow under certain circumstances.
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Representative Howard Walker, sponsor of HB 4403, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Laurel Johnson of the Michigan State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technicians.

Christopher DuBay of Royal Oak. Mr. DuBay also submitted written testimony.
 Julia Jackson of the Michigan State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technicians. Ms. Jackson also submitted written testimony.
 Patricia Krukowski of Flint. Ms. Krukowski also submitted written testimony.
 Rebecca Pieknik of the Michigan State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technicians. Ms. Pieknik also submitted written testimony.
 Joe Long of the Michigan State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technicians. Mr. Long also submitted written testimony.
 Julijana Kuhnhenh of Warren. MS. Kuhnhenh also submitted written testimony.
 Bernadit Gewarges of Warren. Ms. Gewarges also submitted written testimony.
 Julie Wineman of Walled Lake. Ms. Wineman also submitted written testimony.
 Mary Ricketts of Oxford. Ms. Ricketts also submitted written testimony.
 Pam Budnick of Orion. Ms. Budnick also submitted written testimony.
 David Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.
 Dan Farhat of the Michigan State Medical Society.
 Allison Besoner of Royal Oak.
 April Hash of Holly.
 Keith Pelleritz of Fenton.
 Laurie Skaggs of Clawson.
 Nicole Endres of Flint.
 Angela Luther of Highland.
 Wilma Wilder of Southfield.
 Robin Emery of Monroe.
 Shannen Snapp of Waterford.
 Kandice Koroll of Sterling Heights.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Gaffney offered the following amendment to HB 4403:

1. Amend page 4, following line 1, by inserting:

"(7) THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED SUBSECTION (2)(C) DOES NOT REQUIRE NEW OR ADDITIONAL THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT OR MANDATED WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM THOSE SERVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(C)."

Representative Robertson moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 15-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4403 with recommendation as amended, as substitute (H-1). Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 15-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair returned to the consideration of HB 4405 and HB 4434.

Sean Gehle of Ascension Health and St. John Health testified in support of the bills.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to testify:

Todd Tennis of the Retirement Coordinating Council and the Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems.

Bill Knox of AARP.

Brian Broderick of the Michigan Health Purchaser Coalition

Adrian Cazal of Spartan Stores.

Scott Lyon of the Small Business Association of Michigan.

David Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Wendy Hofmeyer of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of HB 4405, but did not wish to testify:

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Kieran Marion of Caremark.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to HB 4405, but did not wish to testify:

Greg Baran of the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Larry Wagenknecht of the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Ronald Melaragni of the Sparrow Health System.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of HB 4434, but did not wish to testify:

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Larry Wagenknecht of the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Ronald Melaragni of the Sparrow Health System.

Brian Horton of United Drugs.

Leo Farhat of the Coalition for Quality Healthcare.

Keith Carey of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Representative Robertson moved to excuse the absence of Representative Angerer.

Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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